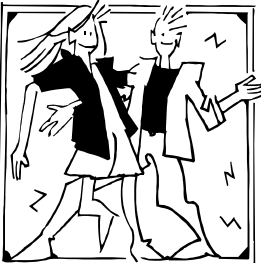


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Crime, arrests increase according to police department statistics

Crime may be up in Hoopeston, but so are arrests, according to year-end crime statistics from the Hoopeston Police Department.

Statistics show that from 1995 to 1996, crime increased in several areas, including the number of criminal sexual assaults, robberies, domestic batteries, burglaries, thefts and auto thefts

However, the number of arrests for those crimes are also up. For example, in 1995, the Hoopeston Police Department reported 20 auto thefts. Of those, 20, or thirty percent, resulted in arrests. In 1996, 24 auto thefts were reported by the department, with eight arrests, for 33 percent.

The biggest jump, according to percentages, was in the number of robberies, up 150 percent. However, the actual numbers did not increase significantly, with two robberies in 1995, compared with five last year.

Crimes Committed	1996	1995	% Change
Murder	0	0	0
Criminal Sex Assault	5	4	+25
Robbery	5	2	+150
Agg. Battery (Total)	31	35	-12
Domestic Battery	13	11	+18
Other Agg. Battery	18	24	-25
Burglary	72	69	+4
Theft	136	124	+10
Auto Theft	24	20	+20
Arson	1	3	-67
Total	274	257	+7

Drug arrests were a mixed bag, showing a 33 percent decrease in cannabis control act arrests - six compared with nine in 1995, and a 100 percent decrease in controlled substances act arrests at none last year, compared with 1 in 1995. Arrests for drug paraphernalia act violations were up 300 percent, with four arrests last year compared with 1 in 1995.

Drug Arrests	1996	1995	% Change
Cannabis Control Act	6	9	-33
Controlled Substances	0	1	-100
Syringe/Needle Act	0	0	0
Drug Paraphernalia	4	1	+300
Total	10	11	-9

Crime Arrests	1996	1995	% Change
Murder	0	0	0
Criminal Sex Assault	5	3	+67
Robbery	1	2	-50
Agg. Battery (Total)	31	31	0
Domestic Battery	13	11	+18
Other Agg. Battery	18	20	-10
Burglary	17	8	+112
Theft	34	22	+55
Auto Theft	8	6	+33
Arson	0	0	0
Total	96	76	+26

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WEDNESDAY: Hot dog/bun, tri tator, peas, orange, pudding.
THURSDAY: Sausage pizza, applesauce, salad.
FRIDAY: Beef & noodles, whipped potatoes, carrots, pears, bread, margarine.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle Schools
MONDAY: Ham & cheese/bun or corn dog, tator tots, slaw, fruit cocktail.
TUESDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce or turkey/bun, salad, peaches, corn, roll, margarine.
WEDNESDAY: Hot dog/bun or Z rib/bun, tri tator, peas, orange, pudding.
THURSDAY: Sausage pizza or ravioli/meat sauce, applesauce, salad.
FRIDAY: Roast beef or fish/bun, whipped potatoes, carrots, pears, roll, margarine.

Rossville-Alvin schools
MONDAY: Tator tot casserole, buttered corn, strawberry shortcake, bread, butter.
TUESDAY: Spaghetti/meat sauce, slaw, chilled fruit, bread stick.

WEDNESDAY: Chicken nuggets, baked potato, rosy applesauce, raisins.
THURSDAY: BBQ rib/bun, macaroni & cheese, chilled fruit, celery/peanut butter.
FRIDAY: Hamburger/bun, crispy fries, fresh strawberries, oatmeal cookie.
All menus include milk.

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Police News

Larry Stephen reported Thursday that someone tried to set fire to the Second Chance Saloon, 102 N. Market.
According to police reports, two cans filled with gasoline were placed next to the building and lit. A passerby extinguished the fire and called police.
A fiberglass awning received minor damage, according to reports.


Obituaries

MILTON - Theda Marie Milton, 87, of Hoopeston, died at 10:23 a.m. Wednesday, March 5, 1997, at United Samaritans Medical Center, Logan campus, Danville. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mann's Chapel Cemetery, Rossville. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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In the Hospital

Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital
March 5, 1997
Admitted: none.
Discharged: none.



Weather


Cloudy today with a chance of rain or snow. High in the upper 30s. Tonight, clearing. Low in the low 20s. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High near 47, low near 30. Sunday, chance of rain. High near 50, low

Solution to yesterday's puzzle

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